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Examiner: Michail A. Belyavskiy

In re application of:
Elizabeth Bates *et al.*

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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March 17, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002 in the above-referenced application, having a shortened statutory period set to expire January 17, 2003, and an extended statutory period set to expire June 17, 2003.

REMARKS

Applicants are in the process of obtaining a certified copy of the priority document, International Application No. PCT/US99/30004, and will file said copy with the Office in due course.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of thirty-five inventions, designated I - XXXV.

Applicants elect the claims of Group III, claims 1-2, drawn to an isolated polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence derived from SEQ ID NO: 6, without traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications to the presently non-elected subject matter.